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**TESTIMONY
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CT PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
BEFORE THE
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 2010**

The Connecticut Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Contractors Association (CT-PHCC) *supports the intent of SB-133, An Act Concerning the Apprentice to Journeymen Contractor Hiring Ratios.*

We would like to thank Sen. Tom Colapietro for reaching out to union and non-union trade groups to develop a fair proposal that addresses inequities in the apprenticeship ratio for the plumbing, heating and cooling trades. We would also like to thank Rep. Jim Shapiro and the members of the committee for their support of this initiative.

It is our understanding that there is an agreement to make the numeric hiring ratio of apprentices to journeymen for plumbing, heating and cooling contractors consistent with the hiring ratio for the electrical and other trades and that the bill will be redrafted accordingly. Based on a review of factors such as the specific trade requirements and availability of skilled personnel, there is certainly no justification for having a different apprentice hiring ratio for plumbing, heating and cooling contractors and other trades.

This minor change in the law will give plumbing, heating and cooling contractors the ability to expand their businesses and provide more apprenticeship training opportunities for Connecticut's young people. Clearly this is a win-win, particularly during these challenging economic times.

CT-PHCC is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the professional plumbing, heating and cooling contractors in the state of Connecticut. CT-PHCC and its members are committed to protecting the health and safety of the public. Contractors who belong to the association have demonstrated reliability and trustworthiness and are licensed by the state of Connecticut.



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AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMEN AND CONTRACTOR RATIOS.

To change existing apprentice to journeymen and contractor hiring ratios for certain tradespersons.

Introduced by: General Law Committee

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5/5/2010	Transmitted to the Secretary of State
5/4/2010 (LCO)	Public Act 10-27
4/27/2010	In Concurrence
4/27/2010	On Consent Calendar
4/27/2010	House Passed
4/22/2010	House Calendar Number 388
4/22/2010	Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, House
4/21/2010	On Consent Calendar
4/21/2010	Senate Passed
3/23/2010 (LCO)	File Number 83
3/23/2010	Senate Calendar Number 94
3/23/2010	Favorable Report, Tabled for the Calendar, Senate
3/23/2010 (LCO)	Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/16/2010 (LCO)	Referred to Office of Legislative Research and Office of Fiscal Analysis 03/22/10 5:00 PM
3/9/2010 (LCO)	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/9/2010 (LAB)	Joint Favorable
3/5/2010	Favorable Change of Reference, House to Committee on Labor and Public Employees
3/5/2010	Favorable Change of Reference, Senate to Committee on Labor and Public Employees
3/4/2010 (LCO)	Reported Out of Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/3/2010 (LCO)	Filed with Legislative Commissioners' Office
3/2/2010 (GL)	Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference Labor and Public Employees
2/11/2010	Public Hearing 02/16
2/10/2010	Referred to Joint Committee on General Law

Co-sponsors of SB-133

Rep. William Aman, 14th Dist.
Rep. John Mazurek, 80th Dist.

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Public Act No. 10-27

**AN ACT CONCERNING APPRENTICE TO JOURNEYMEN AND
CONTRACTOR RATIOS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of
Consumer Protection shall amend existing Regulations of Connecticut
State Agencies adopted pursuant to section 20-332 of the general
statutes to specify the following allowable hiring ratios regarding
apprentices, journeymen and contractors for the following trades:

TRADE

Electrical, Plumbing, Heating, Piping and Cooling,
Sprinkler Fitter and Sheet Metal Work

Apprentices	Licensees (Journeymen or Contractors)
1	1
2	2
3	5
4	8
5	11
6	14
7	17
8	20
9	23

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Ratio continues at 3 Journeypersons
To 1 Apprentice

Approved May 10, 2010